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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4423

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SN

SUBJECT: DIRECTED PROCUREMENT LASS

REF: SINGAPORE 4353

1. DATT/ARMA WAS ASKED BY ONG KAH KOK, DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS, MINISTRY DEFENCE, TO BE PRESENT AT MEETING NOVEMBER 15 WITH JAMES WATT, SALES MARKETING MANAGER, LOCKHEED AIR SERVICES (LAS).

2. ALTHOUGH WATT MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUEST, ONG INFORMED HIM THAT GOS WOULD NOT ASK USG FOR DIRECTED PROCUREMENT. ONG REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR'S CRONK'S MEETING WITH DEFENCE MINISTER GOH NOVEMBER 12, AND EXPRESSED DR. GOH'S AND GOS POLICY THAT PRIVATE COMPANIES MUST STAND ON THEIR OWN AND BE COMPETITIVE WITHOUT GOVERNMENT CRUTCH. IN REPLY TO WATT'S ENUMERATION OF PROBLEM AREAS WHICH HEAVILY BEAR ON LASS NON-COMPETITIVE HOURLY WAGE RATE, AND POSSIBILITY OF TERMINATING LASS ACTIVITIES AT SELETAR AIR BASE, TPG, WITH MUCH CONFIDENTIAL

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IRRITATION AND ROUSING TEMPER, SHARPLY RETORTED THAT

TASS HAD HAD SEVERAL YEARS TO BECOME COMPETITIVE, HAD TOO MANY US EMPLOYEES WHOSE SALARIES RUN UP HOURLY WAGE AND BRISKLY TERMINATED THE MEETING. REPLYING TO WATT'S QUESTION, ONG STATED AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO WOULD NOT BE INSTRUCTED EITHER TO REQUEST OR REFUSE DIRECTED PROCUREMENT.

3. UPON WATT'S DEPARTURE, ONG STATED THAT GOS WOULD FIND IT EMBARRASSING TO ASK USG FOR DIRECTED PROCUREMENT, INSINUATING THAT TO DO SO WOULD PLACE SINGAPORE IN THE CATEGORY OF MAP RECIPIENTS. HE STATED THAT USG MUST DECIDE IF DEVELOPMENT OF AIR REPAIR/AIR INDUSTRY IN SINGAPORE WAS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO USG CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENTS TO WARRANT DIRECTED PROCUREMENT.

4. COMMENT: ONG'S IRRITATION APPEARED TO BE LARGELY SELF-DIRECTED SINCE HE HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL PROPONENT IN GOS FOR CONTINUED REPAIR OF US AIRCRAFT AT LASS AND APPEARS TO HAVE LOST HIS CASE.  
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